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SUBJECT: CODEL MATHIAS

PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO SENATOR MATHIAS AT OPENING OF BUSINESS JULY 20 FROM CHARLES COGAN, SENATOR'S PRESS SECRETARY: BEGIN TEXT:
QUOTE: (TITLE: THE REPUBLICAN IDEA)
IDEAS ARE IMPORTANT IN POLITICS. WHEN ABRAHAM LINCOLN FIRST BUILT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY INTO AN EFFECTIVE POLITICAL FORCE, HE DID IT BY FORGING TOGETHER A COALITION OF VERY DIFFERENT PEOPLE WITH AN IDEA. UNCLASSIFIED

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LINCOLN'S IDEA WAS VERY SIMPLE. IT COULD BE EXPRESSED IN ONE WORD...UNION. TO HIM THE UNION WAS THE UNIQUE, CRITICAL THING ABOUT AMERICA AT THAT MOMENT. IT WAS THE UNION THAT COULD BRING FREEDOM TO THE SLAVES, IT WAS THE UNION THAT GUARANTEED LIBERTIES TO ALL AMERICANS, IT WAS THE UNION WHICH MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR AMERICANS TO LIVE AND PROSPER TOGETHER AND MAKE A GREAT COUNTRY AS THEY DID.

TODAY, I'M NOT SURE THAT WE REPUBLICANS EXPRESS ANY COHERENT IDEA THE WAY LINCOLN EXPRESSED THE CONCEPT OF THE UNION IN HIS DAY.

WE NEED AN IDEA THAT CONVEYS WHAT WE STAND FOR, AN IDEA THAT SPEAKS OF THE PAST AND THE FUTURE IN THE SAME TERMS. TO ME, THAT IDEA SHOULD BE FREEDOM, FOR IT IS A TRULY CONSISTENT REPUBLICAN THEME. THE REPUBLICAN PARTY WAS FOUNDED ON THE PRINCIPLE THAT AMERICANS SHOULD BE FREE AND EQUAL BEFORE THE LAW. FOR 100 YEARS, IT GREW ON THAT PRINCIPLE AS THE PARTY OF FREEDOM. UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF LINCOLN, THEODORE ROOSEVELT, AND DWIGHT EISENHOWER, REPUBLICANS CHAMPIONED FREEDOM FROM BOND SLAVERY, FREEDOM FROM ECONOMIC DOMINATION, AND FREEDOM FROM MANIPULATION BY A MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX.

BUT, THEN WE FLAGGED IN OUR DEVOTION TO FREEDOM, AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE NOTICED THAT WE WEREN'T LIVING UP TO OUR IDEALS EVEN BEFORE MOST REPUBLICANS DID. NOW, IF WE ARE TO COME CLOSE TO EQUILIBRIUM, WE HAVE TO BECOME THE PARTY OF FREEDOM AGAIN.

TO THE FREEDOMS THAT HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED IN THE AMERICAN UNCLASSIFIED

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SYSTEM, I THINK WE HAVE TO ADD FREEDOM FROM AN OVERBEARING BUREAUCRACY. I THINK WE HAVE TO ADD FREEDOM FROM A DEHUMANIZED TECHNOLOGY.

WE HAVE TO HAVE FREEDOM FOR THE INDIVIDUAL CITIZEN FROM THE PRESSURES OF BIGNESS THAT ARE ALL AROUND US. BIGNESS, JUST THE SHEER SIZE OF EVERYTHING, SEEMS TO SUBORDINATE INDIVIDUALS...TO REDUCE THEM TO INSIGNIFICANCE. PEOPLE FEEL THAT.

WE HAVE TO HAVE THE KIND OF FREEDOM WHICH GOES WITH A HEALTHY RESPECT FOR OURSELVES AND FOR OUR FELLOW HUMAN BEINGS. THIS CONCEPT OF FREEDOM IS ONE THAT REPUBLICANS HAVE A HISTORICAL RESPONSIBILITY TO REVIVE AND KEEP ALIVE. I THINK WE OUGHT TO PLACE THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN THE POSITION OF A BULWARK OF FREEDOM BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS AND THESE FORCES THAT THREATEN TO ENGULF THEM. WITH THIS EFFORT, AND THIS IDEA, WE CAN JOIN A VERY PROUD PAST TO A BRIGHT FUTURE. END QUOTE. END TEXT VANCE

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